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U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

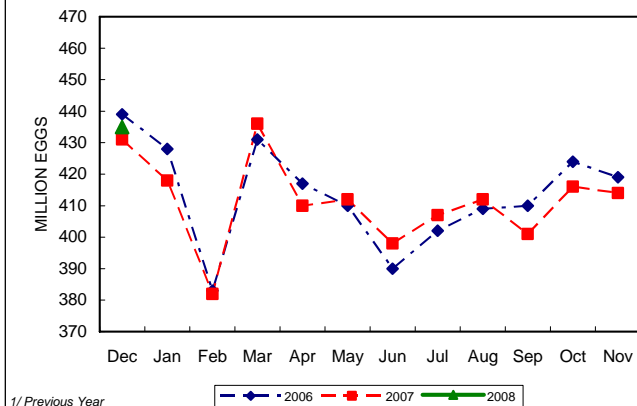
U.S. egg production totaled 7.76 billion during December 2007, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2007 averaged 344 million, down 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,256 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2006.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

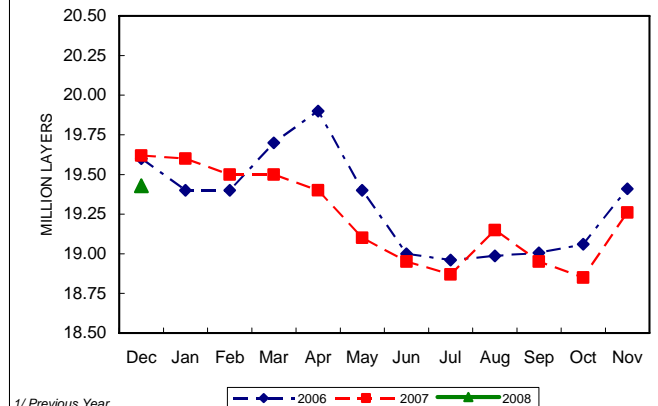
California's egg production during December totaled 435 million, an increase of 21.0 million from November's production and 4.00 million above December 2006. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.4 million, 1 percent above last month, but 1 percent below December 2006. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,239 compared to 2,150 a month earlier and 2,197 in December 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2008 totaled 345 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 345 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.75 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2008 averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from January 1, 2007.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DECEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JANUARY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	8,615	9,518	1,962	1,944	169	185	1.5	1.0	4.5	6.0
Arkansas	14,066	14,108	1,962	1,963	276	277	2.5	2.5	11.5	12.5
California	19,615	19,431	2,197	2,239	431	435	5.5	9.0	35.0	31.5
Georgia	19,791	19,312	2,117	2,133	419	412	4.5	1.5	14.0	14.0
Indiana	24,655	24,006	2,275	2,312	561	555	4.5	4.0	31.0	32.0
Iowa	52,164	53,908	2,220	2,245	1,158	1,210	6.5	2.5	35.0	35.0
North Carolina	11,497	12,577	2,088	2,107	240	265	0.0	0.0	10.5	8.1
Ohio	27,544	26,825	2,305	2,345	635	629	3.5	2.5	25.5	15.5
Pennsylvania	23,898	22,067	2,381	2,461	569	543	3.5	1.5	14.5	14.5
Texas	18,894	19,062	2,276	2,282	430	435	6.5	4.5	23.5	25.0
UNITED STATES	348,098	344,089	2,234	2,256	7,777	7,763	4.4	2.8	24.5	22.6

U.S. BROILER HATCH

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2007 totaled 823 million, up 3 percent from December 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 677 million on January 1, 2008, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2007, down 6 percent from December 2006.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, DECEMBER

State	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> <u>2006</u>
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	112,745	119,224	106
Arkansas	101,650	105,698	104
Delaware	14,428	15,302	106
Florida	4,874	4,974	102
Georgia	127,168	128,705	101
Kentucky	26,818	27,650	103
Louisiana	13,837	14,469	105
Maryland	31,019	31,349	101
Mississippi	64,813	69,754	108
North Carolina	68,974	72,070	104
Oklahoma	23,635	22,955	97
Pennsylvania	14,715	15,258	104
South Carolina	19,514	19,468	100
Texas	53,075	56,001	106
Virginia	22,997	23,372	102
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	73,326	73,343	100
Other States 1/	22,935	23,735	103
UNITED STATES	796,523	823,327	103

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U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2007 totaled 35.5 million, up 7 percent from December 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.8 million on January 1, 2008, up 4 percent from a year ago.

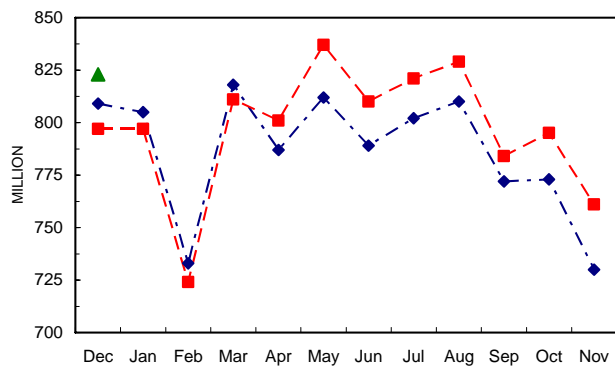
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 245 thousand during December 2007, up 4 percent from December 2006.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, DECEMBER

State	2006	2007	<u>2007</u> <u>2006</u>
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Georgia	2,286	2,105	92
Indiana	4,934	4,958	100
Iowa	5,877	6,804	116
Minnesota	1,065	991	93
Pennsylvania	4,447	4,342	98
Other States 1/	14,574	16,343	112
UNITED STATES	33,183	35,543	107

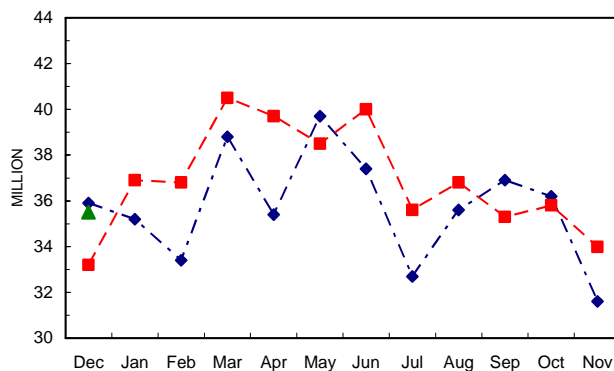
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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



1/ Previous Year

EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2006-2008



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EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JANUARY 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	11,775	12,863	109	6,167	5,267	85
East North Central	9,801	11,159	114	7,146	7,567	106
West North Central	22,991	29,884	130	8,005	7,834	98
South Atlantic	244,091	253,234	104	3,772	4,886	130
South Central	338,741	345,610	102	4,029	5,313	132
West	25,108	24,278	97	5,264	4,961	94
UNITED STATES	652,507	677,028	104	34,383	35,828	104

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

California mid-month market egg price for December 2007 was \$1.30 per dozen, 5.0 cents above the November mid-month price and 56.0 cents above December 2006.

Nationally, the December market egg price, at \$1.28 per dozen, increased 10.0 cents from November and is 61.5 cents above December 2006. The December broiler price, at 44.0 cents per pound, is down 1.0 cent from November, but 4.0 cents above a year ago. The December turkey price, at 52.6 cents per pound, is down 9.0 cents from the previous month, but up 9.9 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	74.0	125.0	130.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	40.0	45.0	44.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	66.5	118.0	128.0
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	42.7	61.6	52.6

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Mid-month prices.

U.S. TURKEYS RAISED

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2007 totaled 272 million birds, up 4 percent from the 262 million raised in 2006.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 48.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 31.0 million, Virginia with 22.0 million, Missouri with 20.0 million, California with 16.0 million, and Indiana with 15.3 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2007.

TURKEY GROWERS

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2008. These States produced over 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2007. Intentions for the top seven producing States, compared with 2007, are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina unchanged, Arkansas up 3 percent, Virginia up 2 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, California up 4 percent, and Indiana up 6 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2008 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED AND INTENTIONS a/

State	2006 b/	2007 c/	2007	2008	2008
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	30,000	31,000	103	32,000	103
California	15,800	16,000	101	16,600	104
Indiana	13,800	15,300	111	16,200	106
Iowa	8,200	8,300	101	8,700	105
Minnesota	45,000	48,000	107	49,000	102
Missouri	20,000	20,000	100	21,000	105
North Carolina	37,500	39,000	104	39,000	100
Pennsylvania	10,500	11,000	105	11,200	102
South Carolina	9,600	10,500	109	10,900	104
Virginia	21,500	22,000	102	22,500	102
U.S. Total d/	262,460	271,689	104	276,600	102

a/ Revised 2006 and 2007 data.

b/ Based on turkeys placed Sept. 1, 2005 through Aug. 31, 2006.

Excludes young turkeys lost.

c/ Based on turkeys placed Sept. 1, 2006 through Aug. 31, 2007.

Excludes young turkeys lost.

d/ Data for 2006 and 2007 are based on a 28-state total.

Data for the "2008 Intentions" are based on a 23-state total.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2008 in the United States totaled 31.5 million, up 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were up 4 percent from the December 1, 2007 total of 30.2 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 9 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 8 percent, and South Central and West down 3 percent.

Turkey poults hatched during December 2007, in the United States totaled 24.9 million, up 2 percent from December 2006. Poults hatched were down 3 percent from the November 2007 total of 25.8 million poults. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 5 percent, West North Central up 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 4 percent, and South Central and West down 9 percent.

The 24.1 million net poults placed during December 2007 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were down 3 percent from the November 2007 total of 24.8 million.

ALL TURKEYS 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators January 1		2008 2007	Eggs Hatched During Dec.		2007 2006
	2007	2008		2006	2007	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	5,015	4,541	91	3,993	3,793	95
W N Central	12,029	12,231	102	8,809	9,428	107
N & S Atlantic	9,908	10,739	108	8,073	8,410	104
S Central & West	4,162	4,028	97	3,570	3,266	91
U.S.	31,114	31,539	101	24,445	24,897	102

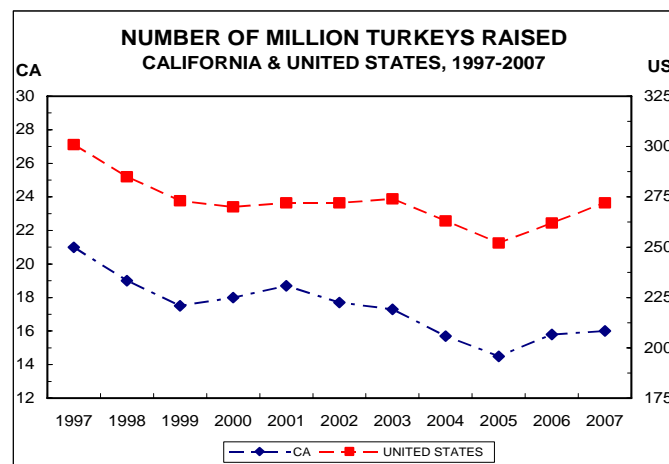
1/ Regions (No. & So. Atlantic and So. Central & West) combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		2007-08 2006-07	Cumulative Total		2007-08 2006-07
	2006-07	2007-08		2006-07	2007-08	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	23,534	24,073	102	23,534	24,073	102
Oct.	24,891	25,217	101	48,425	49,290	102
Nov. 2/	23,792	24,755	104	72,217	74,045	103
Dec.	23,879	24,096	101	96,096	98,141	102
Jan.	26,068			122,164		
Feb.	24,249			146,413		
Mar.	26,433			172,846		
Apr.	26,040			198,886		
May	27,271			226,157		
June	26,277			252,434		
July	27,343			279,777		
Aug.	26,523			306,300		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

2/ Revised 2007 data only.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

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Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2006	November 30, 2007	December 31, 2007	Dec. 2007 Dec. 2006	Dec. 2007 Nov. 2007
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	24,034	18,264	21,897	91	120
Chickens	Lbs.	34,422	29,642	30,445	88	103
Ducks	Lbs.	12	a/	a/	a/	a/
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	58,468	47,906	52,342	90	109
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	218,356	206,784	238,552	109	115
Chickens	Lbs.	750,371	691,934	742,785	99	107
Ducks	Lbs.	4,828	6,045	5,526	114	91
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	973,555	904,763	986,863	101	109
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	16,478	15,184	14,272	87	94

a/ As of 2007, the regional total is no longer published.

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